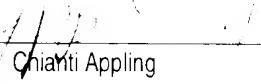


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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) Petition for 1 month extension of time; nad
- 2) 8 pages of formal drawings;

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.